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## Calmer in Beirut at year's end

BEIRUT. — A bloodstained old year dragged out its last hours yesterday with a distinct improvement in the security situation in most areas of Beirut, where thousands have died in sporadic civil strife since last April.

When a deadline announced by the government with the agreement of the warring factions for pulling out all armed militia from the streets passed at 2 p.m., police headquarters said there had been only a partial withdrawal.

But in several parts of the city the streets were nearly back to normal, with traffic jams building up as many more shops opened. Striping continued into the afternoon in the city center and on the borderline between the Christian Shun el-Fil and Moslem Nabaa suburbs.

Christian gunmen in Ain al-Rummaneh also exchanged shots with Moslem and Palestinian militia in Shiyah suburb.

Security forces are under orders to shoot on sight anyone carrying weapons in Beirut streets from 4 p.m. in a new attempt to end the strife.

Reuter correspondents who talked to militia commanders on both sides reported that there seemed to be a general willingness to cool the situation, provided the other side did not start trouble. It looked as if Beirut could reasonably hope for a relatively peaceful start to the New Year.

But the chances of a casual killing or kidnapping setting off a new round of bloodshed, as has so often happened in the last nine months, remain very high and hopes for a prolonged period of calm are qualified by a strong scepticism among many Beirutis.

Nine months of intermittent civil war have killed 8,000 to 10,000 people, according to official estimates. But they have settled none of the basic problems wracking the state.

This was confirmed yesterday by an uncompromising statement by Phalangist leader Pierre Gemayel after a meeting with President Suleiman Frangieh of leaders of the Christian Maronite community which provides the bulk of the rightwing gunmen. (Reuter)

## 'Kissinger had direct hand in Saunders document'

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The continuing controversy over whether Secretary of State Henry Kissinger misled the Israeli Embassy here, the U.S. Congress and the American public regarding his actual involvement in preparing the Saunders testimony on the Palestinian issue was heightened yesterday by a report in "The New York Times" that Kissinger "took a direct hand in drafting the Saunders document."

Bernard Gwertzman, the "Times" diplomatic correspondent, also wrote that some of Kissinger's aides are "baffled" that the Secretary "has given misleading testimony before Congress on the Saunders testimony about his own role."

The issue is especially sensitive in Israel because at the time of the Saunders statement on November 1, Kissinger sought to assure the

Israel Embassy in Washington that he had not seen it and it did not reflect any change in the U.S. position regarding the PLO, despite the distressing tone of the document. Prime Minister Rabin publicly protested the testimony, which was offered by the then Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near East Affairs, Harold Saunders.

But yesterday, Gwertzman said that when Kissinger, Deputy Secretary Sisco and Assistant Secretary Atherton had been invited by a House subcommittee to present the Administration's views on the Palestinians, they decided that it would be best if the State Department sent Saunders, a lower ranking official, instead of one of them.

"Because of the sensitivity of the issue," Gwertzman wrote, "they (Kissinger, Sisco and Atherton) chose a low-key presentation." He added that the State Department (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

## Lcheverria: Mexico won't apologize for its actions

MEXICO CITY. — President Luis Lcheverria, in an obvious reference to Mexico's recent votes in the United Nations against Zionism, said today that Mexico will not apologize for its actions but will never apologize them.

"Any Mexican would prefer to defend before apologizing and, first of all, the President of the republic," Lcheverria said to standing applause at Tuesday's closing ceremony of the Mexican Congress.

His remarks came a day after surprise resignation of Foreign Minister Emilio Rabasa, who flew to Israel earlier this month to explain Mexico's vote in favour of the UN resolution describing Zionism as racism.

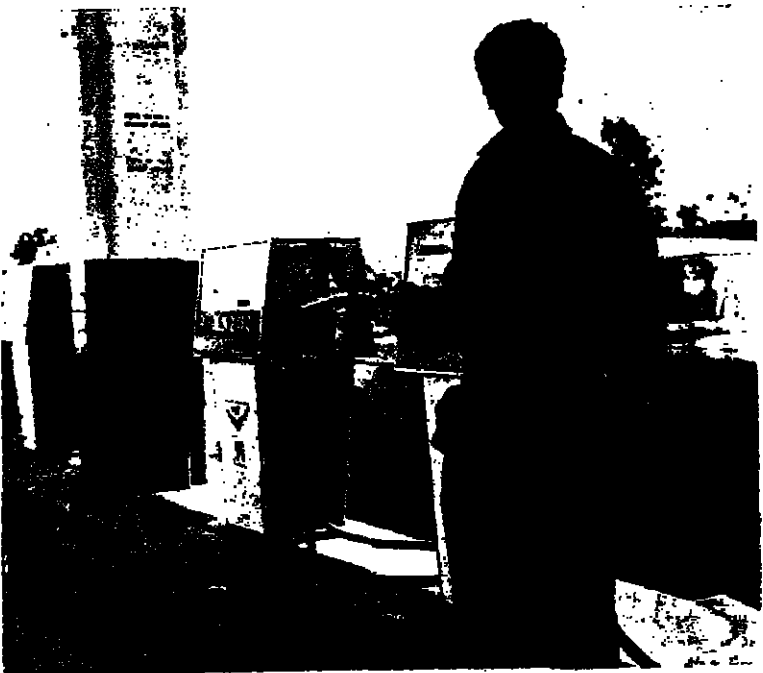
Rabasa and Foreign Minister Gadi Allon had said after their conversations that the dispute was forgotten, forgiven and buried.

When Rabasa returned to Mexico, he told reporters he had been misinterpreted and denied he had asked forgiveness from the Israel government.

Lcheverria said that Mexico was fighting in a "world in crisis" to defend its cultural and economic values. He said it "would not occur to anyone, to any Mexican, as far as he might have been in days past — geographically speaking — from his country, to confuse courteous explanation to a people persecuted for centuries, with a different attitude, manipulated by international information media."

Rabasa has refused to give the reasons for his resignation. Political observers connected it with a foreign policy controversy touched off by a boycott of Mexican tourism by American Jews.

Rabasa's successor, Alfonso Garcia Robles, the Mexican Ambassador to the United Nations for the last four years, said on Tuesday the country's foreign policy would not change. (AP)



### Oil for the cars of Israel . . .

. . . and most of the country's energy needs to the end of the century. A report by David Krivine.

Violent protection: Arthur Kemelman tries to discover whether we are developing our own Mafia-style gangsterism.

Political discord: Wolf Blitzer enquires into the coolness in relations between Washington and Jerusalem.

Teligion by stealth: Sarah Honig meets some immigrants from the Soviet Union who practised Orthodoxy at great hazard.

Pe'er of the Realm: "Kolobek" lightens Ephraim Kishon's gloom.

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## Ford says, 'I'm going to win'

WASHINGTON. — President Ford declared flatly last night that "I'm going to win" the presidency in 1976 and dismissed reports he might withdraw from the race if he made a poor showing in the early primaries.

"I intend to be in the ball game right down to the (Republican) convention. I intend to win. I like

a good struggle and a good fight if that's necessary. Anyone who forecasts that I'm going to quit in mid-stream doesn't know Jerry Ford," he said in a year-end television interview.

Ford said he was proud of his record in office and he believed his programmes would not only justify his nomination as the Republican Party candidate but his victory in the election. (Reuter)



Egyptian engineering unit including bulldozers and trucks reached the site in Sinai's Gidi pass area where they will establish the Egyptian early warning station. Left foreground, Israeli and UN officers hold discussion as the Egyptians arrive. (IDF photo)

## Egyptians start work on station

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Work began yesterday on the construction of the Egyptian early warning station in the hills overlooking the Gidi pass in Sinai. A convoy of 41 jeeps, bulldozers and command cars and trucks, carrying 159 soldiers entered the area at 9 a.m.

The convoy was over two hours late, apparently because the slow-moving bulldozers held it up. In addition, some of the vehicles got stuck while crossing the kilometre of sandy terrain between the existing road and the site.

Some of the Egyptians remained at the site overnight, while others returned to Egyptian territory. They are permitted to travel to and from the site twice a day.

UN troops are manning the perimeter of the three-square-kilometre site. All activities are visible from nearby Israeli observation posts.

## Rabin visit to U.S. on Jan. 27

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will visit the U.S. as President Ford's guest from January 27 to February 4, the Prime Minister's Office announced last night.

The announcement said, "In addition to having discussions with the President and others in Washington, Prime Minister Rabin will visit several other cities. President and Mrs. Ford look forward to receiving Prime Minister and Mrs. Rabin on this visit which will serve to symbolize the close relationship between Israel and the U.S. The visit will provide an opportunity for the President and the Prime Minister to discuss in depth the current situation in the Middle East."

Wolf Blitzer reports from Washington.

Deputy White House spokesman John Carlson, in making the announcement, declined to release Rabin's schedule, but informed sources here said that the Prime Minister will first arrive in Philadelphia for a formal ceremony honouring America's 200th anniversary. Egyptian President Sadat, who was in Washington two months ago, also made a historic American city, Williamsburg, Virginia, his first stop during his tour. During colonial times, Philadelphia was regarded as America's major city.

Rabin will then come to Washington for two days of meetings with Ford, Kissinger and other American officials. On the second day of his stay in Washington, he will address a rare joint session of the U.S. Congress, an honour that was also granted to Sadat.

After leaving Washington, Rabin will go to New York for meetings with American Jewish leaders, and will be the main speaker at a mass pro-Israel rally at Madison Square Garden. He is then scheduled to visit Chicago and Los Angeles before returning to New York, and departing for Israel on February 4.

On his arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday, Rabbi Israel Miller, head of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said the American public had no clear idea of the difference between the Palestine Liberation Organization and the rest of the Palestinian affair.

He said he hoped that the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister would be able to explain the difference during their forthcoming visit to the U.S.

## IDF patrols attacked in the North

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Bursts of automatic small arms fire and a number of bazooka rockets were fired from Lebanon at an Israeli patrol near Zarit on Tuesday night. There were no casualties and the patrol returned the fire, the IDF Spokesman reported.

This was the sixth terrorist attack from Lebanon in two days. Yesterday, the IDF Spokesman reported that bazooka shells had been fired from Lebanese territory at an IDF patrol south of Napara, at about 8 p.m. There were no casualties. Fire was returned.

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# Cuban troops now 10,000 in Angola

The number of Cubans fighting in Angola has risen to 10,000 men in a rapid troop buildup involving refuelling of Cuban air transporters at an airport in the Portuguese Azores, diplomatic sources said in Lisbon yesterday.

The sources said that in the past 10 days Cuban planes, Russian-made turboprop, carrying military personnel refuelled at Santa Maria airport in the Azores. The same sources pointed out that the Cuban troop buildup was carried out in the face of U.S. warnings that East-West detente could be harmed by it.

U.S. officials in Lisbon sidestepped questions about whether Washington had protested to Portugal about the Cuban stopovers in Santa Maria, a civilian airport some distance from the U.S. Air Force base at Lajes — which was used by the Americans as a refuelling point in the big airlift of military supplies to Israel during the 1973 war.

Earlier yesterday, U.S. intelligence sources in Washington estimated that there are now about 7,500 Cuban soldiers fighting against American-backed factions for control of the country.

Last week, U.S. officials were using a figure of about 6,000 Cuban troops fighting there.

In Lisbon, the independent bi-weekly "Expresso" said the Soviet-backed MPLA in Angola was planning an imminent offensive that would include Soviet-made Mig jets for the first time in Angola. The offensive would have the twin aim of coinciding with the Organization of African Unity's meeting on January 10 to discuss the Angola issue and to gain ground in food-producing areas under the control of the two rival anti-Communist movements. "Expresso" said the Angolan capital of Luanda, the main MPLA base, was short of food.

Intelligence sources said three more top Cuban officials had been identified in Angola. They are Fernando Vedma, a vice-minister in the Cuban Ministry of the Armed Forces, Luis Alfonso Ochoa, a member of the Cuban Communist Party's central committee, and Jorge Risquet, a member of the party's secretariat.

Last month, U.S. intelligence said Brig. Gen. Julio Casas apparently was helping the Popular Movement against our interests and those for the liberation of Angola handle the military equipment supplied by the Soviet Union. Casas was said to be a vango people. (AP)

## France announces Djibouti independence

PARIS. — France announced yesterday it was granting independence to the territory of the Afars and Issas, its last African territory. But the French Government expects to retain a military base in the area of the main town and port of Djibouti.

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing declared through the government spokesman that the territory formerly known as French Somaliland, or Djibouti, would shortly "accede to international sovereignty."

The territory, of 23,000 square kilometres (8,500 square miles), occupies a strategic position on the Gulf of Aden, between Somalia and Ethiopia. Its population was last estimated at about 125,000.

French officials said negotiations would be speeded up so as to allow for independence before a summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in June.

A special communiqué issued after yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting would begin.

The French Government will maintain the integrity of the territory's frontiers by safeguarding its security and preserving the dignity of its populations.

The announcement followed talks which President Giscard d'Estaing had here on Tuesday night with Ali Araf Bourhan, President of the territory's Assembly.

The French Government's decision comes a few weeks after the UN General Assembly's resolution calling on France to grant Djibouti immediate and unconditional independence as well as to withdraw all French armed forces from the territory.

During his stay in Paris, Ali Araf stated that while the people of the territory of the Afars and Issas wanted independence, they also wished a continued French military presence on the territory.

Government spokesman Andre Roset could not say when the negotiations for Djibouti's independence would begin. (Reuter)



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## New editors for Post

Erwin Frenkel and Ari Rath today assume their duties as editors of The Jerusalem Post. Mr. Rath will also take on the duties of managing director.

Lea Ben-Dor, editor since the death of Ted Lurie in 1974, has retired after 40 years with The Post which she joined soon after it was founded by Gershon Agron.

ARI RATH, 50, was born in Vienna and came to this country in 1938 with Youth Aliya. After attending the Ahava agricultural high school in Kiryat Bialik he helped found a settlement group which joined up in 1945 with the nucleus of Kibbutz Hamadia in the Beit Shean Valley. A Habonim emissary to the U.S. from 1946 to mid-1948, he later spent a two-and-a-half year stint as secretary-general of Ha'nuna Ham'uhedet, the pioneering youth movement affiliated to the Labour kibbutz organization.

Following studies at the Hebrew University, he joined The Post in 1958 as political and diplomatic correspondent, becoming news editor in 1962 and managing editor in 1970.

He represented Israel at a Press Foundation of Asia Seminar in Manila in 1970 and at a UNESCO seminar at Nagpur, India, in 1964. He is a member of the boards of the International Press Institute and the "titim" news agency.

ERWIN FRENKEL, 42, was born in Germany, which he left at the age of four with his family for the United States. After several years in New York, the family moved to Erie, Pennsylvania.

He studied philosophy at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, where he received his B.A., going on to Harvard University to earn a M.A. in American History. He also holds a Bachelor of Hebrew Literature from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

He first came to Israel in 1958 on a year's study grant to the Hebrew University, and settled here in 1960. He joined The Jerusalem Post in 1961 as diplomatic correspondent and served later as editorial writer, feature editor and then as The Post correspondent in Washington. Since 1972 he has been assistant editor.

He and his wife Etha have three children.





## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, with local rain in N. Sinai and N. Negev. Weather generally showy trough over E. Mediterranean continues instability in the region.

Yesterday's High/Low	Yesterday's Mid-Sea	Today's High/Low
Jerusalem 87/52	5-12	5-14
Golan 82/47	2-11	4-13
Nahariya 83/48	3-12	5-14
Safed 83/48	3-12	5-14
Haifa Port 83/48	3-12	5-14
Tiberias 77/42	10-18	10-18
Nazareth 77/42	10-18	10-18
Afula 77/42	10-18	10-18
Shomron 83/48	10-18	10-18
Be'er Sheva 83/48	10-18	10-18
Be'er Sheva 83/48	10-18	10-18
Eilat 83/48	10-18	10-18
Tiran Straits 83/48	10-18	10-18

## Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received the Civil Service Commissioner, Ya'acov Nitzan, who handed him the commission's 25th annual report.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday toured the Gaza Strip in the company of senior army officers and met with Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawa.

Rehov Rishpon in Tel Aviv was yesterday officially renamed Sderot Keren Kayemet, in a ceremony attended by TNF chairman Ya'acov Tsur and Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

Prof. H. Bank will open an exhibition of oil paintings by Shulamit Golan at Beit Hahayal, 80 Rehov Weizmann, Tel Aviv, at 7 p.m. today. Part of the proceeds go to the Sheba Medical Centre at Tel Hashomer.

Dr. Eliezer Jaffe, Senior Lecturer in Social Work at the Hebrew University, last week was awarded the Bernard Revel Memorial Award for Community and Community Service Leadership. The award was presented at a Yeshiva College alumni conference in Jerusalem.

Attorney Uzi Atzmon was yesterday elected chairman of the Jerusalem Branch of the Council for a Beautiful Israel. Journalist Yitzhak Tishler became chairman of the branch's planning committee, and Dr. Dan Ronen, adviser to the Minister of Education and Culture, continues to serve as chairman of the education committee.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will hear Shmuel Toledano, the Prime Minister's adviser on minority affairs, at its weekly meeting today, 1.15 p.m., at the ZO'A House, Tel Aviv.

## ARRIVALS

Sisa Novinsky, president of WZCO, Costa Rica, with a solidarity group of 40 persons from Costa Rica, will arrive in Jerusalem today, 1.15 p.m., at the ZO'A House, Tel Aviv.

## DEPARTURES

Prof. Robin Becker of the Department of Development and Child Care at Hadassah University Hospital, Jerusalem, for the U.S. and Europe, to deliver a series of lectures on child psychiatry and problems of children in hospital.

## Despite Government promises...

## No drop seen in price of car parts

By ERNIE MEYER

Motorists expecting to pay only IL64 today for a Bosch or Hella Volkswagen headlight which cost IL80 yesterday will be disappointed. In the first place, the 20 per cent reduction in the price of safety-related spare parts announced by the Transport Ministry this week will in fact only work out to about 17 per cent. Arye Rubin, head of the garage branch in the ministry, explained yesterday that while the 12.5 per cent reduction on purchase tax for safety parts and the 7.5 per cent reduction in customs on all spares does add up to 20 per cent, the actual reduction "for administrative purposes" will only amount to 17 per cent.

In the second place, although the reductions go into force today, their effect at the sales counter will only be felt in six weeks to three months. This is because present stocks were taxed at the old, higher rates.

"Stocks will still be mixed for up to three months, but we expect to issue orders to reduce prices on new stocks by the middle of February," he said. By the end of March the prices on all the parts concerned should be reduced, he added.

Rubin said that about 80 per cent of all garages in the country are now licensed and under full minis-

try control. Inspectors will check prices of spares at garages, and customers are entitled to see price lists at dealers, he said. "We will exercise a double control, one at the importers and the other at the garage level," he added.

Ministry circles see the 12.5 per cent reduction on safety spares as an initial step, to be followed by further reductions later.

But here's the catch. Checking with car agencies in the Capital yesterday, *The Jerusalem Post* learned that constant price rises of parts at source in their home countries are likely to offset much of the reductions here. A side-view mirror for the Peugeot 404 model costing IL130 now should cost only IL108 after it has been imported under the new regulations. A 10-12 per cent price increase in France, however, is likely to nullify this reduction. At best, customers may continue to pay the same price they are paying now, because price rises at source are almost continual in all countries producing cars, a veteran parts clerk said.

Drivers buying locally made safety spares for their imported cars may enjoy the full 12.5 per cent reduction in the purchase tax. That is, unless local prices, too, go up in the meantime.

## U.S. to deport entire crew of Israeli tanker

Jerusalem Post Reporter and Agencies

The U.S. Immigration Department on Tuesday ordered all 27 officers and men of the Israeli-owned tanker *Nitua*, stalled in the Mississippi River for three weeks by rebellious crewmen to leave the U.S., a lawyer for the owners said on Tuesday in New Orleans.

"The Immigration Department has issued an order that all men leave the ship by January 6," said James Kemp Jr., attorney for Tanker Services Ltd. "That order is being served to them right now."

Kemp had filed suit in Federal District Court to force removal of the crew because of disciplinary problems that prevented the ship from being moored and loaded. The hearing had been set for yesterday morning, but it was dismissed.

"This is the best thing that could have happened," Kemp said. "We've accomplished everything we set out to do without the necessity of a long trial."

## Greece knocks Israel out of youth soccer tourney

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Greece yesterday knocked Israel out of the second international youth (under-18) soccer tournament, as two goals from striker Georgios Semergidis gave them a comfortable 2-0 victory over the defending champions at Kiryat Haim, Haifa.

Israel thus collected only one point from its two Group A matches, following Tuesday's 1:1 draw against Austria.

The after-looker Greeks scored a goal in each half, dominating the exchanges for much of the 80 minutes with an impressive display

of attacking football — which deserved a bigger gallery than the 1,000 people who braved the cold weather.

Sweden, meanwhile, took a big step towards the finals of the seven-nation meet at Bloomfield stadium on Monday, by defeating Denmark 1:0 in Esbjerg to register its second consecutive win and collect four points in Group B. In another Group B fixture, Switzerland and Rumania tied 1:1 in Kiryat Haim. The Swedes only need to draw against Switzerland to ensure their place in the last round, when the two countries clash tomorrow in Beersheba. However, a sizable victory for Switzerland could still send them through by virtue of four points and a better goal difference than Sweden.

The Group A winner depends on the outcome of tomorrow's game between Austria and Greece at Beit Shean.

## Ora Namir to head forum on women

Ora Namir, MK (Alignment), will head the new Committee on the Status of Women in Israel, the Prime Minister's Office announced yesterday.

The establishment of the committee, whose specific duties will be outlined in the near future, was decided upon at last Sunday's Cabinet meeting. The Cabinet gave the Prime Minister authority to determine the composition of the committee and the scope of its function.

## KISSINGER

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had made no effort to publicize the hearing.

Gwertzman quoted Kissinger's aides as saying that they were surprised, therefore, when Kissinger told Sen. Hubert Humphrey's (D-Minn.) Senate subcommittee on November 19, only a week after the Saunders testimony, that Saunders had presented "a somewhat academic exercise explaining in a purely theoretical manner several aspects of the Palestinian problem as Mr. Saunders saw them." This gave the impression that he had not been involved.

Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-Ind.), the chairman of the House subcommittee where Saunders testified, was therefore puzzled whether the Deputy Assistant Secretary had been speaking only on his behalf, or whether he was voicing the Administration's views. Hamilton asked Kissinger to explain in a letter what his role had been.

But in his response, Kissinger was evasive, and Hamilton said that it was not satisfactory. He asked Kissinger for additional clarification, but Kissinger has not yet responded.

Gwertzman, meanwhile, concluded in a report that the Ford Administration is "looking for ways of breaking the impasse in Middle East negotiations" and "has undertaken a cautious effort to open up for serious discussion by Israelis and Arabs the question of how to deal with the PLO."



President Katzir greets Anglican Bishop Najib Kubeish of Jerusalem yesterday at the annual reception for Christian leaders in honor of Christmas and New Year. The reception at Prof. Katzir's official residence was attended by leaders of all the Christian communities and by Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek. The President told the clergymen that tolerance among the various religious communities was "one of Israel's dearest assets," and hoped there would be a similar atmosphere of "understanding and tolerance" in neighboring Arab states. Greek Orthodox Patriarch Benedictos (facing right in the picture), replying on behalf of the Christian leaders, thanked the Israeli authorities for their cooperation and assistance. (Barzilai)

## Hazan proposes J'lem boroughs

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Veteran Mapam leader Ya'acov Hazan yesterday outlined his plan to make Jerusalem "the city heralding peace and brotherhood in the world" by giving it a religious and ethnic borough structure.

Hazan stressed to the Mapam Political Committee that Jerusalem must remain united and the capital of the State of Israel. But its municipality, he said, should delegate responsibility to separate subsidiary townships covering areas inhabited predominantly by Jews or Arabs; and the 8,000 Armenians should be entitled to a governing committee of their own.

Under his plan the Old City would become a "peace capital," managed by a council equally representing the three major monotheistic religions. The holy places within it would get extra-territorial status, managing their religious affairs as they wish, while lay administration and security in the Old City and holy sites would remain the responsibility of the Israeli authorities.

The Temple Mount would be among the extra-territorial sites,

and would be managed by the Moslem component of the Old City council. Israel would guarantee the right of all Moslems to make pilgrimages to the Mount; and if the Jewish religious establishment were to agree with Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren that Jews are allowed to set foot on part of the Mount, an apartment complex shaped as a dome would be constructed to accommodate Jewish worshippers. Jews and Moslems would then solemnly undertake not to change the arrangements.

"If and when a confederation is established with an Arab state to Israel's east," Hazan continued, "the City of Jerusalem would arrange for the construction within its precincts of a Capitol of the Confederation."

One of the conditions for the cultural autonomy Hazan would give the national townships in Jerusalem would be an undertaking "to educate children in the spirit of loyalty to the State of Israel, good citizenship, mutual tolerance and fostering of cooperation between the two peoples."

Hazan said that in sketching his plan he had taken into account Je-

rusalem's being a symbol of Jewish revival as well as a holy site for Moslems, Christians, especially Catholics, he noted, have not altogether abandoned the idea of wresting Jerusalem, especially the Old City, from Jewish sovereignty. Thus "we, the Jews, have to find an answer to all the complicated questions which the future of Jerusalem poses."

Though his plan might seem like squaring the circle, it was "politically possible," he felt. Moreover, were a solution to be tried from the outside, "it would antagonize the whole of the Jewish people, and were we to abandon our rights internally, it would lead to the threshold of civil war."

Hazan commended Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek for his "extraordinary wisdom" in handling the affairs of the city. He told the meeting he was thoroughly shocked by a motion from Mapam Knesset Member Eliezer Roman, who thought the Political Committee would have done better to discuss the question of Israel's participation at the January 12 Security Council meeting.

The Jerusalem municipal spokesman yesterday denied reports that Mayor Teddy Kolek had given his blessing to Hazan's plan. He said Hazan, "whom (Kolek) personally respects," had met with the Mayor several months ago for a private conversation. At that time Hazan outlined his proposal in general terms. "He didn't ask for Kolek's approval, and Kolek didn't adopt the plan," the spokesman said.

Mapam spokesman added after last night's session that the idea had never been raised before at any official forum or with any official body, including the Jerusalem Municipality.

## Knesset to debate Israel-EEC ties

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset decided yesterday to stage a plenary debate on the development of economic ties between Israel and the European Economic Community.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said in reply to a motion for the agenda by Abba Eban that Israel bore no envy with regard to the EEC's negotiations with seven Arab states. With an eye to the possible outcome of such negotiations, Israel had reached an agreement in principle with the EEC that it would automatically receive the same favorable concessions which might

be granted to Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

Allon said the agreements with the Arab states would also include a ban on discrimination, aimed at thwarting the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

With all the importance attached to the agreements concluded thus far, Allon said, Israel's aim was and would be to attain the full status of associate member in the EEC: the highest rank which the Rome Convention provides, for non-European states.

Eban predicted that Israel's economy might suffer a severe shock when tariff barriers with countries of the European Economic Community came down. Industries might be hard hit in four or five years, he warned. Businessmen must not let themselves be lulled into a false sense of security because the cutoff date, 1989, seems so distant.

Eban said Israel still had to press hard to get the EEC to conclude additional agreements concerning financial, economic, scientific and technological cooperation. Without these agreements, there would be no chance of closing the big gap in Israel's favor in its balance of payments with the EEC — some \$1,300m. annually. This Israeli "contribution" to the EEC was beyond its powers, he stressed.

He expressed his satisfaction that the Parliament of Europe only a fortnight ago passed a resolution urging the Council of Ministers to conclude such cooperation agreements with all good states. Eban warned that when seven Arab states concluded their own agreements with the EEC, perhaps in 1976, Israel would lose its unique status as the first Mediterranean state sharing economic ties with the Nine.

## Tomer guilty of stealing IL6m. from Eilat

By HAIM SHAHAM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Businessman Avner Tomer was convicted in District Court here yesterday of the theft of more than IL6m. from the Eilat Municipality, by selling duplicate promissory notes and charging inflated rates of interest.

Judge Meir Valinsky spent eight hours of the 12-hour court session reading out the 150-page judgement.

The judgement said Tomer had received promissory notes worth IL11m. from the city on false claims, and returned only IL5m.

After hearing 60 court sessions over six months, Judge Valinsky called Tomer an "expert business man" with the style of a "falling star" — but he accepted not one of the defence claims made during the trial.

Though his attorney, Arye Kammer, Tomer claimed that the money had not been stolen, but extracted legally at an interest rate of 150 per cent. He said yesterday that he would appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

District prosecutor Ya'acov Kraushaar requested a sentence of 10 years in prison. Sentencing was postponed until January 12.

## Eliav won't quit Palestine body

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Knesset Member Arye Eliav yesterday told the committee of the founding Ya'ad party that he would not leave the "Council for Peace Between Israelis and Palestinians," which he helped found a few weeks ago.

It was his link with the group that prompted the leaders of Ya'ad's ex-Citizens Rights Movement component, Knesset Members Shulamit Aloni and Boaz Levy, to declare last week that the party no longer exists. Most of the CRM contingent boycotted last night's meeting.

Eliav said he might have acted wrongly in not asking Ya'ad sanction for joining the body. But he was "left" in his convictions, and did not mind that many members of the Israel-Palestine council were also leftists.

At the start of the meeting, a letter from attorney Ram Caspi, addressed to the "former Ya'ad Council," was read, warning that no resolution taken by the meeting would have legal standing or bind Aloni or members of the CRM.

AIRPORT TAX was raised at midnight last night to IL50. The airport management said the IL3 rise would save time spent giving change.

## Eight arrested after day-long customs raids

By ARTHUR KENNELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Eight persons were arrested yesterday as the result of dawn-to-dusk raids conducted by the Customs Investigation Department with the aim of catching individuals illicitly bringing merchandise into the country.

The raids carried out in various parts of the country with the cooperation of the police and income tax authorities netted goods valued unofficially at millions of pounds. Merchandise seized included jewellery, diamonds, foreign currency, cloth and electrical appliances.

According to Moshe Landau, deputy director of the department, prime targets of the raids were importers and clothing manufacturers, who it is believed are receiving export incentives while producing for the black market. Utex of Ashdod, coat manufacturers, was closed down while the investigators inventoried goods in a comparison with company declaration and Government records, it was reported.

Landau said the investigations were in their initial stages, with goods still being inventoried for checking against customs declarations. Emphasizing that the target was not a smuggling ring, he said the department was seeking individuals breaking the law in an attempt to earn quick and easy profits.

The persons arrested will appear in court today.

## New Year's Eve hotel parties booked solid

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv's leading hotels reported last night that their New Year's Eve balls were booked solid.

Not a ticket remained unsold, despite the high prices of between IL70 to IL200 a person. Although the balls were initially planned for the many foreign visitors spending the holiday season here, about half the tickets were purchased by Israelis.

In Jerusalem, too, it was "full house" at the few hotels that marked the night. The Intercontinental was fully booked by noon and by evening it was, "Sorry, no more places" at the Hilton.

But most Israelis spent the evening at home, in front of their television sets as usual.

In Haifa, the port police strengthened their patrols to assure hundreds of foreign seamen a safe passage from 1975 to 1976. The patrols prowled the port on the look-out for mariners trying on unsteady feet to get back to their ships after spending the last evening of the old year in downtown bars. The Sylvester patrols were set up because, in the past, sailors no longer distinguishing between shore and water fell off the quay.

## Eight Arab students quit dorms, refused guard duty

By ERNIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eight Arab students handed in the keys of their dormitory rooms to Hebrew University officials last night, responding to eviction notices sent them a month ago for failing to do guard duty.

Another 40 Arab students have received eviction notices with deadlines spread a week apart over this month.

The notices were sent out last month as groups of the students were called up for guard duty each week but refused to serve. They were called before a committee imposed of the dean of students, a representative of the form of dormitory life, and the chairman of the university's security committee.

This process of calling up the approximately 300 Arab students living in university dormitories will continue, a university source said last night. The vacated rooms will not be assigned to other students for the time being. If agreement on guard duty can be reached with the

Arabs before the beginning of the second trimester, in 10 days, they will be welcome to return to their old quarters, the source said.

Representatives of the Student Union at 8.30 yesterday morning waited in vain for Arab student leaders to show up at a meeting which had been tentatively scheduled for the night before. A last attempt at finding a compromise formula for the guard duty issue was to be made at this meeting, after several attempts at reaching agreement had failed before.

The Jewish students — and under their pressure the university — insist that Arab students enjoying the privileges of dormitory residence do so in exchange for active guard duty. The Arab students feel considerable bound not to take part in such duty. They have agreed to man first-aid rooms, without, however, making rounds outside the buildings to check for explosives.

Eviction from the dormitories does not affect the academic standing of the students concerned.

## Bankruptcy move against Pnidar

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Haifa Labour Council yesterday asked the District Court for a bankruptcy declaration against the Pnidar Investment, Development and Building Company, which owes its workers October and November wages and other long-standing debts.

Over the past five years Pnidar had acted as one of the major housing companies in the North. But in recent months, as a result of the building slump, it has become mired in financial difficulties. Today it owes the Building Workers Fund IL160,000 in social benefits due since March, and another IL340,000 to some of its 200 workers.

Labour Council attorney Yisrael Gil said in his application to the court that he would add to the list of Pnidar's debts claims for about IL250,000 in unpaid wages for several dozen additional workers.

He also states that Association of Building Contractors here had several times asked the Labour Council to postpone the application in the hope of finding an alternative

## Swiss bank claims Rosenbaum's assets

TEL AVIV. — The International Credit Bank of Geneva has asked the Tel Aviv District Court to cancel the receivership imposed on the assets of Tibor Rosenbaum, claiming that most of the assets belong to the bank and not to Rosenbaum.

In his petition to the court, the bank's lawyer claims that Rosenbaum mortgaged or transferred most of his assets here to the bank before International Credit went into liquidation. Among the assets are shares in Lodzia, Ata, Ramta and other companies, as well as a 15-dunam plot in Ashdod. The receiver has not yet responded to International Credit Bank's suit.

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## Deficit in balance of payments hits \$4b.

By GIDYON ESHET

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

With a deficit in the balance of payments of \$4b., Israel achieved its second world financial record in 1975, according to Prof. Michael Bruno, adviser on economic policy to the Finance Minister.

He told the monthly meeting of the Jerusalem Economic Club yesterday that Israel's deficit now tops Canada's \$3,900m.

The other record has been long standing — Israel "imports" more foreign currency per person than any other country in the world.

Prof. Bruno challenged the Government to make good on the financial policy adopted by the Cabinet last week. He expressed fears about the policy because of the way Cabinet members, and others, spoke about their budgets.

"It is a natural tendency for ministers to seek higher budgets," he declared. "In the past they were successful. It is imperative that they fail in 1976."

He asserted that, with smaller budgets, the ministers should cut manpower, but not cut purchases of goods and services. He also called for greater efficiency, particularly in the weekly exodus of ministers and government employees from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. He

said the waste not only involves maintaining two offices, but in travelling time, fuel consumed and the hidden unemployment created in Jerusalem where officials are in Tel Aviv.

He failed to see the need for an additional budget, unless forced by a war or massive unemployment.

Prof. Bruno compared the economic plan (the national budget) for the coming year to the economic achievements of the past year. The Gross National Product was supposed to increase by 3 per cent as a result of an 8 per cent increase in exports. When exports failed to increase, mainly because of shrinking world markets, the GNP remained unchanged compared with 1974. The 4 per cent drop in imports was both planned and achieved.

Noting that defence imports increased by \$300m. above the predictions, he warned that the danger of increase also exists in 1976. The Cabinet decided to transfer \$150m. from the foreign currency defence budget to the pound budget (for purchases in Israel). This, he stated, could benefit the economy only if defence imports are cut by this amount. This was not achieved last year, but hopefully will be achieved in 1976.

With regard to government policy on foreign investments, especially in light of creeping devaluations, Prof. Bruno declared that Israel welcomes any foreign investments. However, he believed foreign investors should not be granted special terms not given Israelis. As to the impact of devaluations, he explained that the subject is under review by a committee due to report within one month. In any event, he foresaw no problems for those who invest in the export industry.

"When one exports the devaluations have no impact on investors' profits," he said. "They might lose if they invested for local consumption, but this kind of investment is what Israel doesn't need," he explained.

Prof. Bruno restated the Treasury's support for a wage freeze in the public sector. Increasing wages by 5 per cent will cost the Government about IL700m, he said. This will cause higher inflation, which will result in a decline in real wages or in unemployment.

"The Histadrut should be aware that it is impossible to increase real wages and have full employment simultaneously," he concluded.

## Trial opens of discotheque bomb suspect

TEL AVIV. — The trial of Avraham Ezra, charged with hurling a hand grenade into a Netanyahu discotheque last February and killing six persons, opened yesterday in District Court here.

Proceedings which started in April, had been held up until psychiatrists found the suspect fit for trial.

The first witness for the prosecution, was David Dadoon of Beer-sheva, who was in the same army tent as Ezra, now 25, when they worked together moving munitions. Dadoon, who was declared a hostile witness in the case of his testimony, said he was present when Ezra unpacked a crate of grenades and their sergeant said "Watch out, you could kill everyone." He said he didn't know whether Ezra returned the grenades he took out to the crate.

The prosecutor, Sara Sirota, presented the suspect's testimony after his arrest, in which he said he intended to hurt no one, but wanted to "make noise" by exploding the grenade on the roof of the Bar Orion discotheque.

The defence attorney, Aharon Ben-Shahar, objected to the testimony, saying it was extracted under force, after the suspect had been beaten. The judges, Mordechai Tchernobolsky, Haim Bental and Nehemia Bar, rejected the defence claim.

Psychiatrists said Ezra was not cooperating with anyone. In the courtroom he sat quietly, apparently oblivious to the proceedings.

## 2 remanded in Bat Yam holdup

TEL AVIV. — A barber and a tire repairman were remanded on Tuesday on suspicion of complicity in the robbery of IL118,000 in a Bat Yam bank on Sunday. The money was grabbed from Shalom Fallah, manager of a petrol station, just as he was about to deposit it in the Sderot Ha'tzema'ut branch of the First International Bank.

Magistrate Yehoshua Ben-Shalom ordered the barber, Amar Solomon, aged 27, held for 10 days. The police interrogator said that Solomon had blocked the road with his car to prevent passers-by from pursuing the bandits, who got away in a stolen car.

The second suspect, Haim Saadia, was described as a tire repairman who works not far from the petrol station. He is suspected of having supplied the robbers with information about the time that the money would be taken to the bank. He was ordered detained for five days. The police say they know who the robbers were, but that they have disappeared. (Itim)



Firemen put out the blaze at the Vered furniture company early yesterday morning. (Uzi Karen)

## Second Tel Aviv furniture fire guts carpentry shop

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The carpentry shop belonging to the Vered furniture company on Rehov Herzl here went up in flames about midnight on Tuesday. Damage is estimated at close to a million pounds.

Unlike the blaze at the nearby Mars furniture building the day before, this fire was not thought to be arson. (Three of the four men arrested for the Mars fire, which was extinguished before the petrol-splashed upper floors could ignite, have meanwhile been released for lack of evidence.)

The flames at Vered were spotted by a watchman at the nearby Discount Bank offices, who summoned the fire brigade. Three fire trucks were soon on the scene, and had the blaze out within three hours. A police team was also on hand to look for the cause of the fire.

Vered owner Michael Vered, who was summoned to the scene, appeared shocked by the blaze. He told him there had been a fire at the carpentry shop a year ago — just one week after another fire at Mars.

He added that a week ago the shop had been broken into and rolls of material stolen.

Police regard Monday's Mars fire as arson. Three fires in the past year at Mars and at nearby furniture salons have given rise to rumours that a protection ring is attempting to move into the area.

However, a new angle has come to light in the Mars case. A check of the cellar to which the fire was confined revealed that bolts of upholstery material worth IL250,000 had been stolen. This raises the possibility, police say, that the fire was set to cover the tracks of the thieves.

However, they reject the idea that the Vered blaze was set to cover the IL250,000 theft there this week — because of the time interval.

The fire at Vered left the furniture showroom untouched. A secretary at Vered explained that, like Mars, Vered has suffered three fires over the past few years; as a safety precaution, therefore, a heavy concrete wall had been built between the carpentry shop and the showroom.

## Astrologer sees 'serious military steps'

## What the stars have in store for 1976

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel will be forced to take "serious military steps" on her northern and eastern borders in the latter half of 1976, according to the stars as read by Ilan Peker, one of the country's best-known "political astrologers."

Peker — who in December 1972 forecast that 1973 might be Israel's worst year since 1948 — is a 37-year-old lawyer who has admitted that astrology is more than a hobby to him.

He forecasts that the country's present economic and social difficulties will continue in 1976, and in April or May there will be changes in the Government which

will affect the present coalition structure.

He also sees a rise in violence and traffic accidents. Other predictions for 1976:

- U.S. President Gerald Ford will run against Democrat Senator Shriver in the 1976 U.S. presidential elections. The race will be a close one because both candidates are within "favourable constellations."
- Henry Kissinger will step down as Secretary of State.
- Events in Angola will destroy the defence between the Soviet Union and the U.S.
- Egypt will encounter serious internal difficulties which might force President Anwar Sadat to resign or to hand over a substantial

portion of his authority to someone else.

Jordan's King Hussein faces serious problems, either because of an invasion of foreign armies into his kingdom or because of the return of the PLO.

- The present crisis in Lebanon will quiet down for a while, but will flare up again to international dimensions.
- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis will marry again, either by the end of 1976 or early in 1977.
- Prince Charles of Britain will announce his engagement, against the wishes of his family.
- The Shah of Iran will be very sick.
- Worldwide inflation will continue.

## Zionist General Council opens five-day meet

## Almogi v. Dulzin on Tuesday

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Election of a new chairman of the World Zionist Executive will be the highlight of the Zionist General Council, which opens five days of sessions at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ozom Sunday afternoon.

In addition to the vote, which was necessitated by the death of Zionist Executive and Jewish Agency Executive chairman Pinhas Sapir last summer, the Council will discuss a Jewish counterattack against this year's anti-Zionist resolutions and activities in the UN, as well as prepare for the next Zionist Congress at the end of 1976.

On Monday, the 110 voting members of the Council will have the opportunity to approve the million-member World Union for Progressive Judaism (Reform Movement) for membership in the World Zionist Organization. They will also decide whether to grant full voting rights and increase the representation of the World Sephardi Federation and the World Organization of Maccabi.

The two candidates vying for the Zionist Executive chairmanship are Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi and acting Executive chairman Arye Dulzin, who also currently serves as chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive. Since only a member of the Zionist Executive is permitted to run for chairman, Almogi must first be elected to the Executive on Monday (to fill Sapir's seat) before the vote for chairman on Tuesday evening.

The Executive chairman is voted in by a simple majority, generally by a show of hands of the 110-member international body (consisting of 32 Labour Zionists, 20 Zionist Confederation, 18 IRP-Mizrachi, 16 General Zionists, 10 Herut-Hatzohar, seven Mapam, four Wizo and three Independent Liberals). A secret ballot or roll-call vote can be requested by 20 voting members. Nearly 50 others, including past members of the Executive, will be present as observers but unable to vote.

Dulzin, Zionist General Council chairman Yitzhak Navon, MK; Jewish Agency Director-General Moshe Rivlin; and Avraham Shenker, head of the WZO Organization and Information Department, held a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday in preparation for the Council meetings.

Navon said that the Council cannot elect a president of the WZO (the possibility of reinstating the office of president — ideally filled by a charismatic figure that unites the Jewish People — has been

mooted recently). Such a step could be taken only by the next Zionist Congress, and not by the Biennial Council.

Dulzin told reporters that he opposes having two separate persons serve as chairman of the World Zionist Executive and chairman of the Agency Executive. But such an anomaly — illegal under current Agency-WZO regulations — would occur if Dulzin were defeated by Almogi for the Zionist post, since a replacement for Sapir as chairman of the Agency Executive could be decided only at the next Agency assembly, now scheduled for next summer. (However, Dulzin could resign from the Agency chairmanship, the Assembly could be moved up, or legal experts could find another solution to the problem.)

The 42 Israeli and 68 Diaspora members of the Council will divide up into five committees which will discuss the next Zionist Congress, policy and information campaigns, immigration and absorption, youth and education, and financing. The possibility of making the WZO comptroller's report public soon after each chapter is prepared may also be discussed.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will address the Council on opening night, and President Ephraim Katzir will tender a reception for the delegates in honour of the Jewish National Fund's 75th anniversary.

The Zionist General Council is considered the "legislative body" of the World Zionist Organization, and the Executive is the "executive body" that carries out policy and makes day-to-day decisions. The Executive and its chairman are elected by the Council, which is chosen by the Zionist Congress, held on average every four years.

The Agency Assembly is the "legislative body" of the Jewish Agency, and the Executive performs executive functions. The two organizations, which share their headquarters in Jerusalem, share complementary powers and responsibilities, with the Agency specializing in stimulating and aiding allies from abroad and coordinating of fundraising. The World Zionist Organization is the primary Zionist body responsible for education and Jewish activity abroad, with some responsibilities in Israel.

## 38,000 Soviet olim turn out for poll

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 38,000 immigrants, 86 per cent of the 44,000 registered members in the Soviet Immigrants Association voted in their association's elections, which concluded on Tuesday. For many it was their first free election.

The elections began on Monday and continued Tuesday in some 70 locations from the Golan Heights to Yamit in the south. The non-factional poll was held to select over 500 delegates to the association convention opening at Kibbutz Shafayim on January 18. The delegates will choose an executive whose task will be to elect a new association head. The leading contenders are the activists' candidate Grisha Feigin and a yet-unnamed "establishment" opponent.

Some of the association members feel, however, that a heated struggle may ensue and that, if one group defeats the other, this will lead to defections from the association or possibly to a split and the virtual paralysis of the association. They will therefore propose at the January 18 convention that, instead of a single chairman, a presidium or standing committee be elected of representatives of the various points of view.

Grisha Feigin is a Labour Party member but does not enjoy that party's backing nor the blessing of the various Government agencies dealing with Soviet immigration. He is backed by the former Prisoners of Zion, by the Action Committee of Newcomers from the USSR and a good many intellectuals, all of whom call for a louder struggle on behalf of Soviet Jewry, for a clearly formulated policy to encourage immigration and even for initiatives such as global boycotts of Soviet products.

Association circles told The Jerusalem Post that Feigin may be opposed by the present association director general, Daniel Blutz, who will present a platform closer to the "establishment" line and will be ready to support quiet diplomacy if it is judged to be more expedient by the Foreign Ministry on certain

occasions. He too will, however, press for more consultation of new immigrants on policy-making on Soviet Jewry.

Feigin enjoys a good deal of popularity because of his activist past, while Blutz may have more of an official Labour Party support, if he decides to run. Aside from possible party considerations, there may be alliances determined by place of origin. Thus the 70-odd Georgian representatives may support one of the candidates and vote en bloc, as may be the case with the Bukharans, Latvians or Lithuanians.

The possibility that leading activist Victor Polsky may run for the office of chairman is not ruled out, but Prof. Alexander Voronel is reported to be uninterested in the post.

## Make olim feel at home, Rabin tells teenagers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin asserted on Tuesday that the current period of attack is a test for Israelis, especially the young, who must react by helping new immigrants feel at home.

The Premier was addressing 150 teenagers at the national conference of No'ar LeNo'ar, the volunteer youth group affiliated with B'nai B'rith, in the Jewish Agency's Weizmann Hall in Jerusalem.

Rabin said that Israelis erred in the past by doing only what was demanded of them by the law, and not more than that. One way youth can correct the mistake of their elders is to take part in immigrant absorption, "because Jews want to come here to feel at home," he said.

The youth organization, which includes 5,000 youngsters aged 14 to 18 throughout the country, has dedicated the coming year's activities to "absorbing immigrants with the mark of Zionism." They will join young olim on Tu B'Shvat outings and give them presents on Purim.

## Action against pro-Israel Black organization in U.S.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Black organization based in San Francisco has filed a \$30m. suit against a Black pro-Israel organization on the grounds that the latter's name gives the impression that all Blacks support Israel.

The organization being sued is BASI (Black Americans to Save Israel). Bayard Rustin, director of BASI, said he was not familiar with the name of the organization that has filed the suit, according to "The Jewish Post and Opinion," a national American Jewish weekly newspaper published in Indianapolis. Many of America's leading Blacks are members of the board of BASI, whose president is A. Philip Randolph and whose treasurer is Lionel Hampton.

Rustin disclosed this while addressing the Bnai Zion Fraternal Order at a dinner in New York, at which he was awarded the order's Israel Friendship Citation.

At another meeting, in Philadelphia, Rustin denounced those who railroaded the recent anti-Israel resolutions through the UN. He said these were "people who have launched a determined drive against democracy and human rights the world over. These are the same people who are still buying people in East Africa and selling them as slaves in Saudi Arabia."

He dwelt on the Arab role in the slave trade, and said: "Today there are more than 500,000 slaves in Saudi Arabia. The same people who distorted the meaning of Zionism

are those who are taking men, castrating them and overfeeding them to make them huge eunuchs to service their harems. Long before the Whites enslaved the Blacks, 1,500 years ago, Arabs took the first Black slaves out of Africa. I would be willing to forgive them, except for the fact that they are still taking people out of East Africa as slaves."

Referring again to the charges that Zionism is racist, he said: "I have been arrested 24 times in the U.S. and have been on a chain gang, so I know from personal experience what racism is and what it is not. To call Zionism racism was a setback in the worldwide struggle for freedom, because Zionism is the struggle of a people to live in its land in dignity."

## Educational programme for underprivileged

A proposal to make it obligatory for university students to donate two hours a week to educational work with underprivileged youth was made on Tuesday by the leadership of the Students Union at the Hebrew University.

The student leaders told Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer about their volunteer work with underprivileged children in Katamon and the Nahlaot quarter. Hammer said he would meet with Education Minister Aharon Yadin on the possibility of extending the plan for two hours' voluntary work to secondary school pupils.



## Hotels urged to add meaning to the Sabbath

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Chief Rabbinate has for the first time asked hotels to provide their Friday-night guests with candles, wine and everything else that adds spiritual meaning to Shabbat.

Rabbi Moshe Salburg, national kashrut inspector of enterprises and hotels for the Chief Rabbinate, sent a letter to all hotels, encouraging them to post conspicuous notices of Sabbath services in the neighbourhood, display a large set of candelabra in the lobby and hold an *oney Shabbat* with traditional singers and religious lectures on Friday evenings. He also asked hotel owners to arrange communal Shabbat dinners where the blessings over wine and *halla* are made by all the guests together.

## IL5,000 fine for run-down shelters

Anyone who fails to keep a bomb shelter fit for immediate use is subject to a fine of IL5,000, according to Interior Ministry's by-laws which the local authorities have been requested to adopt.

In a memo about the by-laws, Ministry Director-General Haim Kuberky notes that persons who fail to keep up their shelters even after warning or conviction will be fined IL200 per day until they fix them.

The Commander of Hagan (Civilian Defence), Tal-Aluf Yitzhak Zeld, said on Tuesday that Hagan officers and those engaged in the "Hagan in Every Home" information campaign have found many shelters filled with trash, and their owners under the mistaken impression that the local authority is responsible for the upkeep of shelters. He said Hagan welcomed the new by-law, and noted that Hagan had recently approved prefabricated shelters for homes built without them.

## Rabbi David Peretz new Tiberias Chief Rabbi

TIBERIAS. — Rabbi David Peretz, 40, of the Daled Quarter, was elected on Tuesday to the long-vacant post of Chief Rabbi of Tiberias.

The rabbinic electoral council, consisting of eight synagogue representatives, eight municipality representatives and eight members of the town's religious council, voted for Rabbi Peretz by 23 to one.

Rabbi Peretz, born in Morocco, will serve as sole chief rabbi — no Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi is to be elected, since under the law no chief rabbi is posted for a community which makes up less than a third of the town's population. (Itim)

AMBULANCES WERE handed over by the Variety Club of Israel in Tel Aviv this week to Akim, the Society for the Rehabilitation of the Mentally Handicapped; to Sister Bernice of the Sisters of St. Vincent in Ein Karen; and to Micha, the Society for Deaf Children. The ambulances, all Ford Transit 115 models specially adapted for children, were donated by Variety Clubs in the U.S. and England.

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THE FIRST ISSUE of a new quarterly, "The Jerusalem Journal of International Relations," has just been published by the Hebrew University's Institute for International Relations. The journal, with contributions by foreign and Israeli scholars, will strive to reflect the global significance of the Middle East, the University says.

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## OPEC terrorists free in Libya

ALGIERS. — Six pro-Palestinian terrorists landed free in Libya in a special plane from Algeria amid reports in foreign newspapers yesterday that Algeria masterminded their kidnapping of 10 oil ministers in Vienna.

The terrorists, who killed three persons when they crashed into the Vienna headquarters of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) on December 21, never were under arrest in Algeria, authoritative sources said.

Austrian government officials, who yesterday expressed surprise about reports that the five men and a woman had been flown to Tripoli, said an order for their extradition to Vienna to face trial was sent to the Austrian Embassy in Algiers to be given to the Algerian government. But after spending a week in a comfortable villa, the terrorists left in a special aircraft for Tripoli on Tuesday, it was reported.

In Paris, the newspapers "France-Soir" and "Minute" said Algeria with Libya aid organized the attack because they support the Palestinian groups fighting against any Arab cooperation with Israel. "France-Soir" claimed the Venezuelan Carlos Ramirez, reputed chief of an international terrorist ring, was called to Baghdad about four weeks ago and hired to head the operation. At the secret planning meeting were Carlos, Yusef al-Hadad, chief of military operations

for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), and representatives from Algeria and Libya, "France-Soir" said, quoting Israeli secret service officials. Carlos allegedly flew to Tripoli to receive a final briefing on the attack.

Carlos recruited Hans Joachim Klein, a West German wounded in the Vienna raid. West German police disclosed on Tuesday in Wiesbaden that Carlos arrived in Frankfurt in May and gave false identity papers to extremist Wilfried Boese, friend of Klein. The hostages later said Carlos apologized to the Libyan oil minister because he had to kill a Libyan Opec employee.

"France-Soir" said an attempted landing at Tunis was a "camouflage" so as not to implicate Algeria too strongly.

The Algerian government has made no statement on the group since their arrival or since their departure on Tuesday night. Authoritative sources ruled out any public declaration on the affair and speculated that the leader of the group was the Algerian minister of Foreign Affairs, Abdelkader Boumedienne.

The sources raised the possibility that the group may have left Algeria several days before the news was leaked on Tuesday. This would give them a head start, allowing them to melt away before public attention was focused on their movements. (AP, UPI)

## Portugal, Iraq condemn (Israeli) racism

LISBON. — Portugal joined Iraq yesterday in condemning Israel as a racist regime.

The slam at Israel was included in a joint communiqué distributed at the end of a visit by Portuguese Foreign Minister Ernesto Melo Antunes. Portugal subscribed to a communiqué that "condemned regimes based on racism and apartheid against the will of the international community."

In case there was any doubt Israel was intended, "the two sides reiterated the position taken by both

countries voting in favour of a resolution adopted at the UN General Assembly that condemned Zionism as a form of racism and racial discrimination."

Israel was not mentioned by name. Antunes' visit to Iraq, his first to the Arab world, was part of a diplomatic offensive toward developing countries. It was also intended to test the ground for possible cheaper oil imports. The most Antunes got was a promise by Iraq to start to start negotiations on a long-term economic agreement.



An astrologer in Israel (see page 5) and another in Italy have predicted another marriage for Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in 1976. Here she smiles for photographers on Tuesday at a Utah ski resort. (AP radiophoto)

## Attack by Gandhi stuns U.S.

NEW DELHI. — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi yesterday accused the U.S. of carrying out a "destabilization" effort in India, and vowed to "weed out" U.S. agents.

In the third day of an escalating attack on the U.S., Gandhi said India is facing "the greatest danger of outside interference" — and left no doubt she meant from America.

U.S. diplomats said they were stunned by Gandhi's stinging criticisms the past three days and expressed concern that her remarks — which included a slap at Secretary of State Henry Kissinger — could only jeopardize Indo-American relations.

"We had expected a certain amount of rhetoric at the party convention against the U.S.," one American diplomat said. "A certain amount has often been said in the past for domestic political purposes. But these comments by Mrs. Gandhi and some of her senior aides go way beyond what we anticipated."

Yesterday the U.S. Government issued a formal protest at Gandhi's remarks. (AP)

## Stabbed women for spite

TAIPEI. — Police yesterday arrested a man who confessed to stabbing female pedestrians as he sped past on his bicycle.

Chiang Ming-hui said he hated women and admitted having stabbed seven victims in the chest with a long-bladed knife, police said.

One girl was stabbed to death and six others were injured by the attacker whom the press dubbed the "mad bicycle killer," police said.

Chiang began his murderous foray last Saturday, police said. He repeated his bicycle rides on the following two nights and stabbed six other young women. The last one, a 20-year-old factory worker, died on the dark street only a few yards from her home, police said. (UPI)

# Argentina — a poor prognosis

By JAMES NEILSON

THE ARGENTINE armed forces shouldered their way onto center stage again during a five-day Air Force rebellion against the ramshackle Government of Isabel Peron. The rebellion flared out in the early hours of December 22 when the rebel leader, Brigadier Jesus Orlando Capellini, realized that neither the Army nor the Navy would come to his aid. Many Argentines fear, however, that the aborted uprising could be a prelude to a full military takeover in the not too distant future.

The Government survived the uprising intact only because the Army chief, General Jorge Videla, persuaded his colleagues that the time was not ripe for another military coup. In a message to the military through the country, however, he warned that the "responsible institutions" had better solve the country's grave political problems very soon.

While most political parties deplored the coup, they made it clear that a major step towards the sort of solution demanded by the Army chief would be Peron's resignation. She, however, reiterated her determination to stay in power.

Throughout the crisis the negotiations were completely in the hands of the armed forces, with the Government a helpless spectator. On several occasions the Government officially announced that the uprising was over, only for the rebels to issue an indignant denial. After broadcasting aggressive Peronist communiqués for a day the official bulletins suddenly stopped, on orders from the armed forces. As well as increasing demands for a "patriotic resignation" by Peron, the uprising demonstrated the utter lack of support the Government enjoys in the country at large. Most Argentines observed the drama with

little interest. There were hardly any pro-Government demonstrations at all. Even the trade unions, whose support for the Government is the officially total, waited five days before calling a strike, only to scrap it because the rebellion was over.

The increasingly distraught Peron has decided to work a four-day week. She needs the long weekends, according to her Press secretary, because she is a statesman and statesmen need time to meditate. But she rarely turns up at the Presidential palace anyway, preferring to walk round and round the gardens of her official residence.

Peronism returned to power in 1973 on a tidal wave of hope. Many intelligent Argentines, including some who heartily disliked General Juan Peron, believed that he and his alone could unite the nation and lead it to prosperity at home and grandeur abroad. All these hopes have long since turned sour, and there is no sign at all of the nightmare ending.

One of Juan Peron's greatest strengths was the imprecise, de-

liberately misty nature of his doctrine. He could be all things to all men. There was a place in his movement for Marxist and Fascist, moderate socialist and enthusiast for the market economy. And, in 1973, they all flocked to his banner, providing enough voters to enable him to sweep all before him at election time.

This shrewd pre-election gambit, however, has meant nothing but misery for his frail widow. Now that Juan has gone any group can claim to represent the true faith and the Peronist movement is split between Right and Left, democrat and authoritarian, nationalist and believer in the occult.

The Government itself, and its most powerful figure, Interior Minister Angel Robledo, is to the Right of the Peronist movement. This, in practical terms, has meant that they have acquiesced to a strong military push against Marxist and left-wing Peronist guerrillas, and have favoured the well-satisfied leaders of the trade unions against a new generation of shop-floor

leaders of markedly left-wing tendencies. The trade union chiefs, who have more in common with Jimmy Hoffa of the American Teamsters than with Jack Jones of the British transport workers, provide the Government with a praetorian guard of gunmen.

But whatever its ideological preferences, the Government is expending all its efforts in staying in office. It is besieged on every front by crises. It is widely assumed to be rotten with corruption, and enough scandals have come to light to make even the most exotic accusations seem reasonable.

These goings-on have provided plenty of material for gossip and have undermined the Government's moral authority, but its most dangerous failure has been economic. The Argentine economy, which at the start of General Peron's administration appeared to be about to haul itself out of decades of stagnation and begin a period of steady growth, is once again flat on its back, its strength sapped by what could be the worst crisis in its history.

Inflation is currently beyond computation. It is somewhere between 250 and 500 per cent a year, but available statistics are months behind the reality. Prices double overnight with dashed shoppers hardly batting an eyelid.

The armed forces are at present fully occupied by the war against left-wing guerrillas in the mountains of Tucuman province, and the slowly accelerating campaign against the guerrillas in the great industrial cities. Once that job is done they will perhaps turn their attention to politics again, but until then the grotesquely incompetent Government of Isabel Peron will be free to continue its riotous and ruinous course. (OFNS)

## Peron cleared of theft

BUENOS AIRES. — An investigating judge has cleared President Isabel Peron of a charge that she tried to steal \$700,000 from charity funds.

But a congressional investigation into the charge was expected to continue, and leaders of the armed forces were reported keeping up pressure on Peron to resign or take a long leave of absence.

There was more terrorism on Tuesday, raising the 1975 death toll to 898. Bomb blasts in a crowded theatre in central Buenos Aires and at the headquarters of the army command killed one person and in-

jured nine others. Right-wing terrorists kidnapped and killed three leftists in Buenos Aires suburbs.

Federal Judge Alfredo Nocetti Pasolino, who is investigating charges of corruption in Peron's regime, announced that she wasn't at fault when she signed a cheque in July transferring the equivalent of \$700,000 from the funds of a public charity to the estate of her late husband, President Juan Peron. The cheque was recalled when it came to light, and the judge accepted the government's explanation that Peron signed it by mistake. (AP)

## Morocco, Mauritania confer on Algerian arms build-up

RABAT, Morocco. — Mauritania President Moktar Ould Daddah and Moroccan King Hassan II met yesterday to consider Algeria's growing military preparations and its opposition to their two countries' partition of former Spanish Sahara.

Ould Daddah and Hassan held the previously unannounced meeting two days after Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and Libyan chief of state Muammar Gaddafi concluded a virtual military pact at a conference at Hassi Messaoud, southern Algeria.

The meeting between Ould Daddah and Hassan came against the background of a steady worsening of relations between Morocco and Algeria, which have both massed their forces at their frontiers.

Both nations fought a brief but bloody border conflict in 1963.

The Moroccan forces indicted a set of severe setbacks on the Algerians, then commanded by Boumedienne.

Ould Daddah flew in the company of Foreign Minister Hamdi Ould

Moukass and other aides. Hassan was flanked by his key ministers and armed forces commanders.

The Polisario Front, the Algerian-supported independence movement in the Sahara, meanwhile claimed its forces were locked in a series of clashes with Moroccan and Mauritanian forces.

The Algerian government daily "El-Moudjahid" quoting the Polisario command, said the guerrillas have shot down a military aircraft in south Sahara, and captured its French pilot. French authorities said no French aircraft was missing.

Diplomatic relations between Algeria and Rabat appeared to have been virtually suspended. The two countries pulled out their ambassadors last week. The brass plaque on the Algerian Embassy here was removed yesterday without explanation.

The formation of a Polisario government, night come before the planned conference of the Organization of African Unity on January 10, in Addis Ababa, diplomatic sources said. (UPI)

## Ten sentenced to death for Iranian terror killings

TEHRAN. — Ten people, described as Marxist guerrillas — one of them a woman — have been sentenced to death by firing squad on charges of murdering three U.S. officers serving in Iran and five Iranians, an official statement said yesterday.

An 11th guerrilla, a woman, was sentenced to 15 years solitary confinement for her active role in the guerrillas' organization.

The army tribunal's verdicts, pronounced on Tuesday night after a 10-day trial and released yesterday, also found the group guilty of plotting against the government, illegal possession of arms, forming an armed band, forgery and sabotage.

Two of the Americans died when

gunmen ambushed their car in a Tehran street last May. The third officer was killed by a gunman in Teheran in June 1975. A communist guerrilla gang alleged to have masterminded his murder was reported to have been shot dead in a battle with police a month later.

All three were working in Iran among about 1,000 American servicemen providing technical assistance to the Iranian armed forces.

Two of the Iranians who the Marxists were convicted of murdering were police chief Brigadier General Reza Zandipour — killed in March — and an employee of the U.S. Embassy, Hassan Hosnan — shot in July. (Reuters)

## S. Koreans jailed as Maoists

SEOUL. — Two South Korean newspapermen and a lecturer were jailed yesterday after being found guilty of plotting a Maoist revolution.

Lee Pu-Yong, leader of a press freedom campaign early this year at the "Dong-A Ilbo," South Korea's largest daily was jailed for eight years. Sung Yoo-Bo, a fellow reporter on the paper, and Chung Jong-Bong, a lecturer at a private academic institute, received four years each.

The defendants said they met casually about ten times in 1973 and 1974 and talked about different social ideologies — Capitalism, Socialism and Communism — along

with Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung's revolutionary ideas. But they denied plotting a Maoist revolution.

The conviction was one of several recent trials against opponents of the Chung-Hi Park regime, including opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung, dissident poet Kim Chi-Ra, civil rights lawyer Hahn Seung-Hun, four prominent clergymen and more than 50 students.

The defendants, who have been convicted and sentenced to prison terms of up to ten years, are among at least 134 persons arrested under an emergency decree issued by Park last May 13 banning anti-Government activities. (Reuters)

## 105 said dead in Philippine storms

MANILA. — The death toll from two storms which hit Southern Luzon and Palawan Island rose to 105, while scores were reported missing, mostly in sea tragedies, the newspaper "Evening Post" reported yesterday.

There was no official government confirmation of the report.

The Philippine National Red Cross reported 37 dead, 33 missing and two injured in the Bicol region on the southeastern tip of Luzon, hit by floods and landslides triggered by

five days of heavy rains.

The government Philippines News Agency said 65,000 hectares of rice and corn lands were flooded in the Bicol area. There was no immediate estimate of damage to public and private property.

Continuous rains last week washed out bridges and destroyed the tracks of the Philippine National Railways in the Bicol area. More than 1,400 holiday travellers were stranded during the Christmas holidays as a result of the bad weather.

## Quake damage in Turkey and Greece

ANKARA. — Three people were killed and about 100 were injured on Tuesday night when medium earth tremors struck parts of southeastern Turkey already damaged by a major quake last September, the state-owned Turkish radio reported yesterday.

About 400 houses were damaged in the Hazro and Hazi areas, near the devastated town of Lice where 250 people died in last September's disaster.

Hundreds of residents rushed from their homes in panic as the quake struck. Many spent the night out in the cold for fear of returning to their battered homes, the radio said.

Western Greece was jolted yesterday by a quake causing heavy damage to towns and villages. A four-year-old girl died when she was hit by falling debris at the village of Kastrol, north of Patras. (AP, Reuters)

## 'U.S. of Europe' — takeoff delayed

By CARL HARTMAN

BRUSSELS. — The European Common Market has all it needs at the start of the New Year to begin the "takeoff" toward a "United States of Europe."

In mid-1976 Britain voted heavily to remain a member of the Common Market, thus assuring that Denmark and Ireland would also stay in. Greece already has knocked at the door and Spain is expected soon. There was no danger of any break-up among the original six members: France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

Close ties exist between the Common Market and other non-Communist countries on the continent: Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Austria.

Early in the new year the member countries will begin discussing a report they ordered from Premier Leo Tindemans of Belgium on what they should do to create a closer "European union."

Considerable emphasis is expected to be put on holding the first election for the European Parliament, probably in 1978.

The member countries have urgent causes to get closer together, both on the economic issues that have preoccupied them since they joined and on general questions of home and foreign policy. Recovery from the current slump, though widely predicted, is still doubtful. Unemployment is at the highest level since World War II and expected to rise before it goes down.

Prices are still going up fast. The member countries would like to assert their ideas for assuring supplies of oil and other raw materials, ideas that often differ from those of the U.S. Government — but they have trouble getting together on just what they do want.

The big problem: How to assert the interests that the West European countries have in common. They have serious differences with both the U.S. and the Soviet Union about Africa, arms sales, the Middle East, and curbing nuclear and other weapons. But they also have differences with one another.

So far the member governments have shown no willingness to make decisions on a supranational basis. Yet they know that individually they count for comparatively little

in world affairs, while jointly they would have a good deal of weight.

Public opinion has been moving toward greater unity, at least according to the Common Market's own polls. In October and November of 1975, an average of 43 per cent of those queried were in favour of speeding up unification. That figure compared with 35 per cent two years earlier. The percentage rose in each of the nine member countries except West Germany, where it was still well above the average at 47 per cent.

Leaders on a European scale have not appeared above the horizon, though many figures are mentioned as likely candidates: former chancellor Willy Brandt of West Germany and former Prime Minister Edward Heath of Britain among them.

The Common Market's chief executive is still the 13-man European Commission headed by Francois-Xavier Ortoli, a hard-working and capable veteran of the French civil service with no political appeal at all.

On past form the real authorities of the Common Market will spend most of their time together on issues that do not strike the imagination of the European man in the street. These leaders are ministers from national cabinets, who meet as the Council of the Shrovetide Communities (CSG). They will not be talking, at least for public consumption, about Angola, nuclear weapons, the future of Spain, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the growth of the Soviet Navy or the huge American trade surplus.

For the most part they deal with what are literally bread-and-butter issues. Nearly three quarters of the Common Market's joint spending is on agriculture. The early part of the year traditionally is devoted to much pulling and hauling over the support price for wheat, dairy products and other commodities.

This debate does have a bearing on a major problem: What to do about the immense food surpluses piling up in Western Europe — milk powder, beef and wine, among others — while retail prices keep rising and many people elsewhere go hungry.

There will be much talk about unemployment among Common Market leaders, but little chance for a concerted attack on the problem. (AP)

## Swedish crooks go home for Christmas

UMEAA, Sweden. — The prison warden in this north Swedish city gave all his prisoners Christmas leave this year — and all 16 have returned voluntarily, he reported on Monday.

The warden, 38-year-old Gunnar Engstrom, made the decision to open the jail doors on his own, without knowledge of or advice from the prison board. Engstrom, Sweden's youngest regional-prison director, said yesterday: "The environment in prison is depressing for

the inmates, especially in a 19th-century institution like this one and during holidays like Christmas."

"I had personal talks with the inmates first and consulted the guards for their okay," he said.

The 16 inmates are mainly serving sentences for burglaries. There are no homicide or assault-and-battery cases.

Engstrom indicated the inmates can look forward to Easter leave too. (AP)



Workers in Philadelphia lower the Liberty Bell (with its rim already encased in cement) onto a special cart to take it to a visitors pavilion for celebrations of the U.S. bicentennial year in 1976. (AP radiophoto)

## Minor can't collect on winning ticket

WETHERSFIELD, Connecticut. — A teen-ager with a \$10,000 winning lottery ticket was told for the second time on Tuesday that he cannot collect the money because he is a minor.

The Connecticut Gaming Commission had offered a one-dollar refund to Barry Brunelle, 17, for the

winning "Instant lottery" ticket. But Brunelle refused the offer, saying the commission apparently needed the dollar more than he did. Brunelle's family said the store where the ticket was bought and the ticket itself gave no indication that minors were not allowed to purchase lottery tickets. (AP)

## Let The Israel Government Withdraw Its Decision To Boycott The Security Council Debate

The Committee for a Just Peace between Israel and the Arab Countries regards the debate at the UN Security Council, with the participation of the PLO, as an effort to prepare the path for a quick convocation of the Geneva Conference and as likely to promote the success of its work.

The decision of the Israel Government not to take part in the Security Council debate starting January 12, 1976, concerning the crisis in our region, because the PLO is invited, is wrong and damaging, and should be vigorously protested by all peace-loving people in Israel.

By this, the Israel Government demonstrates once again that it does not recognize the Palestinian Arab people, its right to self-determination and to independent national life and does not want it to take part in the process for the establishment of peace in our region. By this, the Israel Government is obstructing the way to progress towards peace. Even the most loyal friends of the Israel Government in the USA have expressed their dissatisfaction with this stubborn position, still further isolating Israel.

The latest resolutions of the UN General Assembly on the Palestinian question prove once more that the entire world — all its communities — unitedly rejects the unjust position of the Israel Government towards the Palestinian Arab people. The majority of the latest appearances by speakers of the PLO — recognized as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian Arab people — and the official joint statement following the visit of a PLO delegation to the Soviet Union a month ago, clearly testify that the PLO is willing to be a partner in an arrangement for a just peace that will also respect the independence and sovereignty of the State of Israel, if Israel withdraws from the territories occupied in the June 1967 war and recognizes the right of the Palestinians to create an independent and sovereign state in the territories evacuated by Israel.

On the other hand, the declaration given to the American weekly "Newsweek" by the Prime Minister that we will never conduct negotiations with the Palestinians and will not recognize any Palestinian factor, is far from paving the road to peaceful co-existence with the neighbouring people, and acts against the interests of Israel.

\* We call on all peace-loving people in Israel to demand that the Israel Government not boycott the coming debate at the Security Council on the crisis in the Middle East.

\* We call on the Israel Government to do everything possible for the rapid reconvening of the Geneva Conference, with the participation of all the sides involved, including the representatives of the Palestinian Arab people.

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## Ford calls in FBI on La Guardia

NEW YORK — President Gerald Ford, pledging to stamp out terrorism, ordered 300 FBI agents to investigate the La Guardia Airport bomb blast that killed 11 people and injured about 75.

His order came after Washington talks on Tuesday night with heads of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, Justice Department and the FBI. The FBI agents will aid other federal and New York officials in the probe.

Transportation Secretary William Coleman said as the White House meeting began that particular attention would have to be paid to security in the area of baggage lockers. The La Guardia bomb was believed to have been hidden inside a coin-operated locker near a baggage pickup area.

### California bank bombed

BERKELEY, California. — A small bomb exploded on Tuesday night in a six-story building that houses a branch office of the Bank of America. The blast shattered windows and caused other minor damage but no injuries.

Police said there was no warning prior to the explosion and no one claimed responsibility. Officers said they presumed the target was the bank, America's biggest.

He said 45 bomb threats had been received across the nation after the New York explosion. Ford directed him to set up a special task force to investigate the bombing and make recommendations to prevent a repetition. The panel is expected to issue its report within two weeks.

La Guardia Airport was open to traffic again yesterday amid tightened security, more than 24 hours after the planted bomb explosion. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey closed indefinitely all parcel lockers to the public at La Guardia, nearby Kennedy International Airport and Newark International Airport in New Jersey.

Ford had earlier told reporters that the U.S. would take all necessary steps to stamp out such terrorist acts.

"We must do something in the area of terrorist control. We are going to maximize our efforts," he told reporters at Grand Junction, Colorado, before returning to Washington after a week's skiing holiday.

## Tight, but not fool-proof, airport security

ROME — Europe's major gateway airports have strong security measures as a shield against terrorists and bombs, and the Rome and Frankfurt airports adopted even stricter security after Monday's bombing in New York. But none is believed to be fool-proof.

"There is little you can do to protect the public effectively against a determined bomber," acknowledged an official of the Brussels airport, where trained dogs sniff luggage and lockers. It is also guarded by 200 gendarmes and so many plainclothesmen that, in confusion, they check each other's identity.

An Associated Press survey of its European bureaus shows that Britain has banned all luggage lockers and even attended counters for checking luggage because of fear of hidden explosives. Rome, Belgrade, Stockholm, Madrid and Oslo do not offer coin-operated

lockers where bombs could be left without detection.

Police believe the bomb that killed at least 11 persons in La Guardia Airport on Monday night had been planted in a metal baggage locker.

European officials say security is often tightened after a major assault on one airport for fear that the action may be the work of a network of international terrorists.

Extra guards are also posted in times of arrivals and departures of foreign statesmen, particularly Arabs and Israelis. El Al planes and other carriers serving Israel are also subject to more scrutiny than planes destined for other places.

Most of Europe's international airports — including Moscow's — are equipped with electronic metal-sensing devices geared to reveal metal contents in handbags or in a passenger's possession.

Since heavier luggage checked in through the counters is harder to control, Greek and Yugoslav officials have passengers identify their suitcases on the tarmac to prevent unclaimed material getting aboard.

A Dutch Aviation Ministry spokesman said luggage not hand carried is also scanned by electronic devices.

Except for Athens and Rome, none of Europe's major airports has been the prey of ground for major terrorist bombs causing fatalities. Some, however, have been the scene of terrorist attacks connected with hijackings.

In the most serious — in December 1973 — five Palestinians machinegunned their way into the Leonardo Da Vinci Airport in Fiumicino, near Rome, firebombed a Pan American jetliner and hijacked another plane. Thirty-two people died.



BRITISH SURGEON Sheila Cassidy, 27, answers a question during a press conference in London on Tuesday, just after her arrival from Santiago. (AP wirephoto)

## Strong British protests to Chile over alleged torture of doctor

LONDON — British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan yesterday strongly protested to the Chilean government over the imprisonment and torture of Dr. Sheila Cassidy by Chilean police.

"No British Government can accept such uncivilised, brutal treatment of a British subject at the hands of a foreign government," Callaghan said. The British Government said it was recalling its ambassador to Santiago and submitting the case to the UN Human Rights Commission.

Denying Dr. Cassidy's allegations, Chile's London ambassador, Rear Admiral Kaare Olsen said she had been well-treated and the British Embassy in Santiago had earlier

expressed appreciation for this. But Callaghan said Britain had deliberately refrained from publishing the facts because "we feared that the Chilean security authorities might trump up more serious charges against Dr. Cassidy to justify this brutal treatment."

Telling her story to newsmen on Tuesday night, Cassidy, who denies any political motivations and said she now wants to become a nun, said she had treated an important leftist fugitive in October after being telephoned by a priest she knew.

She forgot about the incident, and then on November 1 was arrested while visiting a sick nun in a house on the outskirts of Santiago.

## Indian miner charges corruption

NEW DELHI — A top official of India's mine workers' union charged yesterday that some \$300,000 earmarked for improvements at the government mine which collapsed on Saturday was in part "misappropriated by corrupt officers and contractors."

The allegation came as the Soviet Union sent 15 advisers and 30 tons of pumping equipment to help drain off the 100 million gallons of water still burying 372 miners at the Chasnai colliery, one of the major mining complexes in the coal-rich Northeast. The government has given up all hope of finding survivors.

A Polish team was also en route to India, a spokesman said. Kalyan Roy, General Secretary of the Indian Mineworkers' Federation, made the charge of misappropriation of funds in a long article published yesterday in the pro-Soviet daily, "The Patriot."

"Neither this disaster nor the sharp rise in accidents and deaths in coal mines in the last one year should come as a surprise to anyone who is connected with the coal industry," wrote Roy, a member of Parliament from the Communist Party, which usually supports the government.

"In the frenzied drive for more production of coal, safety and conservation have been the worst casualties," he wrote.

## Soviet scientist, in hospital, gets exit permit

MOSCOW — Exit permits have been signed by Soviet authorities for dissident mathematician Leonid Plyushch and his family, his wife, Tatyana, said yesterday. He and his family must leave the country by January 10, she said.

Mrs. Plyushch told newsmen, however, that her husband had still not been released from a psychiatric hospital in Dnepropetrovsk where he has been held for more than two years.

She said she did not know whether the authorities would let him come home first or just take him to the train when he and his family leaves.

Plyushch, 43, was arrested in 1972 on charges of anti-Soviet agitation. Appeals for his release have been frequently issued by international groups of mathematicians and recently there was a demonstration in Paris during a World Mathematics Congress.

## Charged with beating IRA prisoners

BIRMINGHAM — Fourteen prison officers have been charged with beating six IRA prisoners after they were arrested for the bloodiest terror bombing in English history.

The officers were suspended with half pay on Tuesday pending court appearance on February 23. British press reports said five of them are members of the hospital staff of Birmingham's Winson Green jail.

The beatings allegedly took place November 25, 1974, four days after 21 persons died and some 120 were injured in the bombing at two crowded pubs here.

When the prisoners went on trial for the bombings last summer, there was testimony that they had

been punched and kicked, and that one had lost four teeth. All were sentenced to life in prison.

Newspapers quoted prisoners at Winson Green as saying the arrested men had been forced to run a gauntlet of prison staff when they arrived at the jail, that they were kicked and punched, thrown down stone stairways and forced to stand at attention for 12 hours.

One report quoted a prison official as saying the atmosphere had been "explosive" because some officers had been called out to help at local hospitals the night of the bombings.

The charges followed a five-month investigation.

### SOCCER PREVIEW

JACK LEON

## Haifa Hapoel look firm at the top

TEL AVIV — League football shares the soccer limelight with the seven-nation International Youth Tournament these days, but as usual the league game reigns supreme on Saturday.

This season — with one-third of the 1975-76 campaign completed — the National League competition is proving particularly interesting, with the picture changing weekly both at the top and bottom of the table in a fascinating way.

New leaders Haifa Hapoel visit Netanya Maccabi in the weekend's 12th series of games, and the contrast between the two teams could hardly be greater. Under the inspiring leadership of veteran Captain Yitzhak Rengier, the Haifaites have not been defeated since back in mid-November, picking up 10 points from their last six outings in their steady climb up the table. The seagulls, on the other hand, are going through a lean period, and their mid-week loss to Be'er Yehuda leaves them in 12th place, with only four more points than bottom team Ramat Gan Maccabi. All signs point to the guests pulling off another victory, but Netanya might just manage a draw.

Lying second to Haifa Hapoel are Jerusalem Hapoel, whose second spell as this season's league leaders lasted just three days last week. The Jerusalemites have an intriguing

home fixture against Tel Aviv Maccabi, full of confidence after their sparkling 3-1 victory over Tel Aviv Betar last weekend. But, with ground advantage, the hosts should be good enough for a point. It is still not known whether Jerusalem's veteran goalkeeper Haim Levine will be back in action, following the head injury he sustained in the game against Be'er Yehuda on December 23, when he chalked up a record 400th league appearance. (By what must surely have been a chance in a million, Kfar Saba's custodian Yair Nosovsky reached a similar landmark only four days later, when he gave a great display between the posts against Haifa Hapoel.)

Be'er Yehuda Hapoel, now lying third after recently holding the top spot for about a month, play Be'er Yehuda in Hatziva Quarter, where the Tel Avivians have just returned after being "banished" for most of the season by the Football Association's disciplinary committee. Though the southerners have only gained two points from their last four matches, they might well return to their winning ways on Saturday, with a tie an alternative. Be'er's Tel Aviv and Jerusalem clubs (the latter in the playoffs) meet at Bloomfield, and the National League's two Betar clubs could well share the points here.

The premier division's two most improved sides, Petah Tikva Maccabi and Tel Aviv Shimshon could well both continue their impressive progress at the expense of Kfar Saba Hapoel and Ramat Gan Hakoah, though Shimshon's task away from home is not an easy one. Petah Tikva Hapoel may achieve their third straight win against hosts Haifa Maccabi.

The two bottom clubs, Tel Aviv Hapoel and Ramat Amidar Maccabi face each other at Bloomfield. By coincidence, the Tel Aviv side was in a similarly unfamiliar-looking lowly position just one year ago, but at home they should manage to defeat the gallant little Ramat Gan club — even though they have lately improved their position considerably with three successive draws.

Sportoto results from last Saturday's fixtures were dominated by the record prize money of IL2,288,000 won by Caillie villager Abu Nader.

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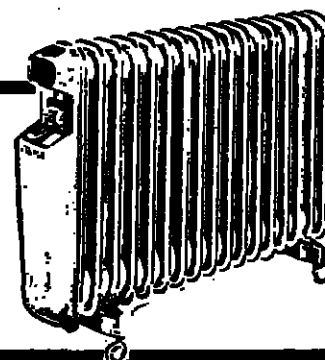
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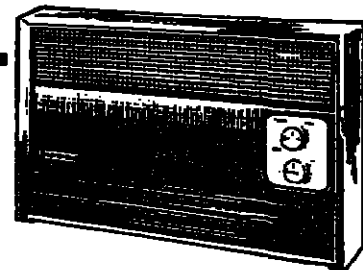
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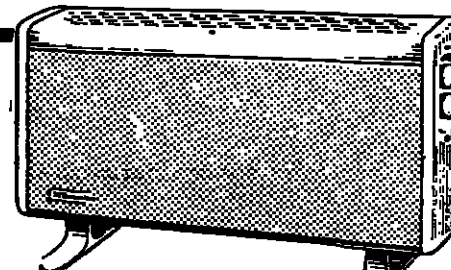


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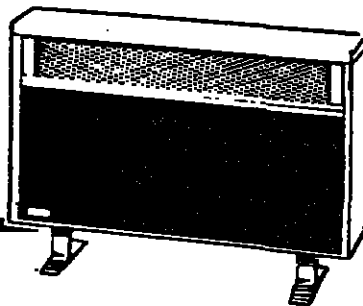
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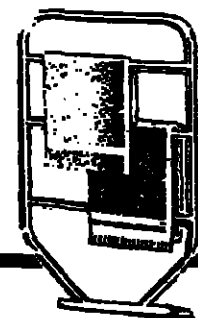
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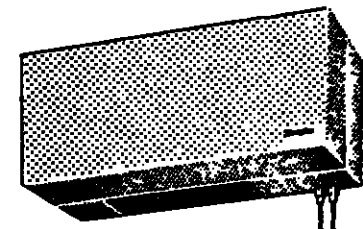
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## Quiet New Year's Eve

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TEL AVIV.—On the eve of the New Year the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange was quiet yesterday, with small turn-over. Financial circles limited their predictions to one word: "uncertainty" among investors and traders. Index-linked bonds, those with a 10-year redemption date and those in the 6.5 per cent series, remained for the most part unchanged. Options on the other hand rose 4 to 6 points. This follows the decline among optionals over the past few days.

The turnover in bonds came to \$11.6m.

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## LICENCE FOR TERROR

THE GOVERNMENT OF ALGERIA, after first granting political asylum to the six OPEC terrorist kidnappers, has now allowed them to leave for neighbouring Libya.

This is just what may have been expected. Algeria's career as a refuge and base for Palestinian "revolutionaries" of all nationalities goes at least as far back as 1968, when an El Al plane, hijacked en route from Rome to Lod, was forcibly landed in Algiers. The crew and passengers were promptly incarcerated, and the hijackers released. Algeria's reputation and standing in the world did not seem to suffer as a result.

Ever since then, Palestinian terrorists have been operating in the knowledge that, no matter how bloody their deeds, they would always find safe haven after the fact in friendly Algeria. Or, for that matter, in kindly Libya. The Carlos gang from Vienna is merely the last in a long series of such guests, whose credentials are their dedication and commitment to the cause of Israel's destruction.

The widespread indifference which greeted Algeria's show of open collaboration with the Carlos gang is not surprising therefore. Austria asked for extradition, simply as a matter of good form, since the attack had taken place in Vienna, but no one would have expected it to carry the matter beyond Algeria's contemptuous rejection. Carlos himself is "wanted" in Paris for the previous murder of three persons, but the French Government made it quite plain that it would not risk alienating Algeria, a key country in France's bid for alliance with the Arab oil producers, by a vain attempt to bring a criminal to trial.

By the same token, however, no one should expect Israel to recognize the validity of the licence for terror which the nations of the world have in effect issued afresh to Israel's enemies.

## AN END TO FEUDING

IT HAS LONG been painfully obvious that the present incumbents of the Chief Rabbinate have passed the point of no return in their constant and bitter feuding. If nothing is done we face another two full years of this spectacle, before the chief rabbis' term of office has run its statutory course.

At the same time, it is widely realized that a mere change in personnel will not solve the problem. It is the system that is at fault — the system that asks of two men to do the work of one, and to do it harmoniously.

The system perpetuates a division which seems more and more anachronistic as time goes on, and which represents a complete negation of the idea of Jewish unity. The division, between Ashkenazi and Sephardi chief rabbis, is, moreover, not dictated by the Halacha, in which communal differences are largely superficial and ceremonial. And existing communal traditions and singularities would not necessarily be obliterated, or even blurred, if one chief rabbi took over where two have lamentably — but perhaps inevitably — failed.

The need for a basic change in the system has lately been mooted within the Labour Party, whose previous faith in the innovative ability of Rabbi Shlomo Goren is now all but shattered. Not much has been said about this in public for fear of upsetting the chief coalition partner, the NRP.

This week, however, has seen a call for radical reform of the chief rabbinate from a leading figure in the NRP, the Director-General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, David Glass. It is unlikely that he spoke without advance party support.

Unfortunately, neither Glass' proposal — for an alternating chief rabbinate — nor the proposal made by some Sephardi MKs for a Sephardi-only chief rabbinate, holds a true remedy. Both proposals would not only perpetuate but would actually sharpen the Sephardi-Ashkenazi division.

Neither proposal takes account of the many other grave faults of the present system, and particularly of the indefensible link between the chief rabbinate and the rabbinical courts, whose joint presidents are the two chief rabbis. Morale in these courts is at its nadir, as the entire system of judicial appointments has become enmeshed with the personal politics of the two courts presidents.

Certainly, what is needed is a single chief rabbi, a man of stature and eminence, elected by a broadly-based electoral college of clerics and laymen without regard for communal origin. This chief rabbi should be vested with well-defined legal authority to carry out his duties, and he should not be involved in any way with the religious courts on the one hand, and with the Ministry for Religious Affairs on the other.

THERE WAS an ambivalence about the recent meeting of the Jerusalem Committee which lent a curious uneasiness to its proceedings. Despite the positive headlines in the world press which its findings won for Jerusalem, this ambivalence raises serious questions about the Committee's future.

"Frankly, I don't know what's expected of us," said one of the participants on the eve of the meeting. Four days of deliberations did not clarify the matter.

Neither the members nor the organizers seem yet to have a clear idea of what the Committee is supposed to be — a high-level advisory panel seriously reviewing the city's policies in physical planning and other spheres and offering concrete suggestions or a gathering of friends come to offer support to Mayor Teddy Kollek and Jerusalem at a difficult time.

The Committee had acted in the former capacity in 1970 when it savaged the just-completed Jerusalem master plan, causing a basic reappraisal of planning in the capital and directly affecting the city's face, for better or for worse. (The Committee played an important role in reducing the extensive road system planned and in backing a limitation on high-rise construction. But the Housing Ministry seized upon the Committee's budgeoning of the municipal planning authorities to push through its own plan for a large housing development at Ramat.)

Beleaguered Israel

This time, however, things were different. UNESCO had virtually expelled Israel for its archaeological excavations in Jerusalem. The General Assembly had in all solemnity equated Zionism with racism. There had been the Yom Kippur War. Israel was beleaguered. The members of the Jerusalem Committee had no wish, in these circumstances, to provide grist for the anti-Israel propaganda mills.

If they could not undertake a serious critical review of municipal policies, then what were they to do? This was the dilemma which was never quite resolved.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of the committee by Mayor Teddy

WITH PREJUDICE / ALEX BERLYNE

## Of belly spongers, bosom pressers and keep-off girls

DON'T THINK last week's column about jobs was mere theorizing. I've had practical experience of unmet needs in my time, many of them vacation jobs during my student days.

I can't say I really adorned any of them.

Take for instance, the time I was a window-dresser in a large department store, loathing the public fumbling with nude plaster mannequins and made even more miserable by the little cotton moccasins we were forced to wear. Dennis, the head dresser, finally went too far. "I think your ideas are superb," he liped, "but the detail is poor."

"What do you mean by that?" I snarled. "One can see the pins," he chirruped.

I've detested art critics ever since. Trying my hand at the retail tobacco business. I hardly lasted the week. It was my misfortune to man the kiosk during the worst days of the Austerlitz period. The boss warned

lads entering growth industries like computers or electronics. I remember the old boys I once knew who had been the victims of shrink industries — the saddles and harness makers, the silent movie accompanists made redundant by the release of "The Jazz Singer."

The process is still going on. Only three vinegar men are left. Smelling like so many picked onions, their job was to free rusted bolts on British Rail's wooden coal wagons using acetic acid, the only fluid noted for its bolt-shifting qualities.

Mr. Fred Darrington is the last of Britain's sand sculptors. For 50 years he's been modelling Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, cathedrals and luscious nudes out of the sand on Weymouth beach. He was once invited to exhibit in Australia but the deal fell through when he insisted on talking with him 40 tons of Weymouth sand, "the best there is."

instant surgery. Some of his patients were born as long ago as 1820. "They don't make them like that any more," he complains. "These days dolls fall to pieces as soon as you look at them."

Another practicing profession has only one dry cleaner, 23-year-old Greg Bright who designs mazes and labyrinths and is currently laying one out at Longleat, one of England's stately homes.

Patey's, near the Elephant and Castle, are the last of the made-to-measure top hat makers and supply the hunting set as well as hotel doormen with this rather unfashionable item of headgear. As a sideline they do you a nice mortar board or ceremonial tricorne. "The biggest head we've had to deal with was the King of Tonga's," the manager reported recently. It was a tricorne for his coronation, size 8 1/2.

Edna and Ravenscroft of Chancery Lane has practically a world monopoly of horsehair wigs for the legal profession, as well as making royal, legal, academic and civil robes. Not surprisingly the customers tend to be conservative.

Not long ago one backwoods peer wanted them to repair his robes which must have been 300-400 years old. He was told, "Well, we might be able to put in a few stitches for you and that might make it last another year or two, but after that it looks as if you are going to need a new one."

The most extraordinary official robe I know of is that worn by the Emir of Katina's crowd controller. This official wears a sort of enormous crinoline made of bramble bushes and simply wades into any unruly assembly in this Northern Nigerian emirate which needs dispersing in a hurry.

PEOPLE SEEM TO BE fascinated by out-of-the-rut jobs. Israel TV's popular "That's My Secret!" programme, compered by Uri Zohar, draws a hundred letters daily, producer Yitzhak Kol tells me. Loosely modelled on the American and British "What's My Line?" series, the show relies heavily on "surprise" occupations like the Shalom Towers' window cleaner, a leech or healer, a sheesh-beesh champion or Mr. Itzhak Bernheim. The latter is a natural for the show. Not only is he a flag and hunting maker by profession, but he is also the father of quintuplets which, I suppose, may be categorized among the more unusual hobbies.

Some jobs are not nearly as extraordinary as their descriptions seem to indicate. This was brought home to me recently when I read of the appointment of an ombudsman for the British legal profession to whom complaints against solicitors can be referred. Rear-Admiral Charles Godfrey Place, VC, holds the delightfully named office of Lay Observer.

Her Majesty's Stationery Office "Classification of Occupations" booklet is a mine of odd-job information, particularly under the heading of "Code 979: All Other and Undefined Occupations." This list includes Ar-

discuss the development of a city with a population of less than 350,000.

After seven years and four meetings, Kollek's bold idea remains as valid as ever in theory. This year's meeting, however, constituted a warning that it might founder in practice. On the one hand, the Committee members found it too difficult to point an instructive finger while leaning over backwards. On the other, Kollek, haunted by the memory of 1970, was not eager for a free-wheeling public discussion of controversial issues, particularly at this politically difficult time.

Rubber stamp

IF, HOWEVER, the Committee cannot be a forum for serious discussion it will become a rubber stamp. And, regardless of their sympathies, it is not likely that men and women of the stature of those on the Jerusalem Committee will agree to act as rubber stamps.

It is this integrity which gave substance to even the latest, relatively toothless meeting. Although they did not come to grips with issues of the day the prestigious international body did reaffirm the most important things which needed reaffirming in Jerusalem today.

"In a world of distressing frictions and intolerance," said its final resolution "Jerusalem observes and encourages religious, cultural and communal freedom, full access to its holy

places, a deep respect for the cultural heritage of all its citizens and all mankind."

The Committee members plainly believed this to be true or they would not have put their names to it. But for them to continue to bear witness to this basic aspect of life in Jerusalem they must also be active participants in the affairs of the city with real issues to sink their teeth into.

Aside from its political value, the Committee constitutes a reservoir of great expertise put at the disposal of Jerusalem free of charge. It has hardly been exploited. Some senior municipal planning officials resent the idea of outside experts winging in from the West, telling the locals how to do things and then winging home. Others, however, including those preparing the city's new physical plan, are quite willing, indeed eager, to be able to use the foreign planners on the Committee, with their wealth of experience, as sounding boards. For them to be able to serve as such effectively, however, the Committee members must be fed a steady stream of relevant planning information in the two year intervals between their meetings and provided before their arrival with detailed outlines of the plans they will be asked to comment on. In addition, the length of their stay would have to be extended since the two days they generally have to look at plans is grossly insufficient.

A plea repeated by participants in the recent meeting was that their know-how and experience be better used. This expertise need not be only in physical planning. At the recent meeting, one of the world's foremost experts on adult education, Hellmut Becker of the Max Planck Institute in Berlin, suggested the creation of a sub-committee on education, and Kollek seems likely to accept the idea. Architect Jaap Bakema of Rotterdam, one of the principal figures in the reconstruction of that city after the Second World War, initiated a resolution calling for greater citizen involvement in Jerusalem affairs through neighbourhood organizations along the lines adopted in Holland. Architect Larry Halprin of San Francisco, who is at present designing the Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, said he would prefer to have the Committee's next meeting avoid planning altogether in favour of a study of cultural and social development in the city.

Instead of arranging for the Committee's meetings to be held in splendid isolation, Mayor Kollek should see to it that future meetings include direct face-to-face encounters with the local architectural community, with educators — including those in experimental and special education — with students, with community organizers, with youth gang workers and perhaps members of youth groups themselves, with theatre groups and young artists. The possibilities are limited only by the imagination and the membership of the Committee could be expanded to include other leaders in disciplines which could be utilized for the improvement of life in Jerusalem, not just at the macro-scale of city plans but at the human scale as well. The immense resources of the Committee should be used not in largely sterile and passive reviews of status reports presented to them around a conference table but in activist, innovative ways that could have a direct impact on life and thought in Jerusalem.

From Jerusalem will go forth the Word, but the Committee offers a unique opportunity for the city to gather unto itself as well the wisdom of the world.

## READERS' LETTERS

### Alsop's obituary 'unfounded'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Joseph Alsop's lamentations are premature. After 28 years of struggle and five shooting wars, Israel remains the most stable state in the Middle East. After a decade of adversity in Vietnam, and 30 years of cold war, this is not about to disintegrate in the face of Mr. Alsop's dire predictions.

Nothing will heal America from post Vietnam's fragmentation and creeping "Detente" impotence, like the healthy and honourable involvement with the protection of a "deserving" ally. There is spiritual therapy in the commitment of the world's largest and most powerful democracy to the survival of the world's smallest and most powerful democracy.

As to Mr. Alsop's estimate that support for Israel is evaporating among the American people, there is not a jot of objective evidence to support this contention. On the contrary,

every poll, every vote of Congress (including the Senate) every budget, every crisis, has shown that the American people cherish the security of Israel in an overwhelming fashion.

Americans do not fault American Jews who exercise their rights as free citizens to support candidates who respond positively to the needs of Israel, because most Americans have old world ties. Americans are deeply involved in what happens in Athens, Rome, Seoul and Dublin, as well as Jerusalem, without being tainted by scare tactics of neo-isolationists.

Time will tell the wisdom of Israeli concessions and American arbitration in the Middle East, and the sincerity of Arab intentions. Mistakes have been made, and are being made. But Mr. Alsop's "obituary" to American-Israeli friendship is unfounded.

MORDECAI S.B.A.U.M.  
Brooklyn, December 22



The Emir Katina's crowd controller has the right answer to a thorny problem.

me to serve only the regulars and to ration them to 50 cigarettes a week. Unfortunately for me, but to the delight and amazement of the customers, I failed to distinguish between packets of 50 and those of 500.

The picture-faking business then claimed me. For the benefit of the uninitiated I had better explain that this has nothing to do with forging Old Masters but is a way of selling frames at grossly inflated prices. A door-to-door salesman shows householders a beautifully painted portrait in a gold frame. "We can do this from a snapshot of your dear departed," he tells them. The snap is enlarged and sprayed with crude colours by aspiring artists like me, using an airbrush and following the notes on the back (blond hair, blue eyes, khaki uniform, etc.).

One widow was reputed to have asked the salesman if he could "remove the boulder hat." He agreed (it could be touched with the airbrush) and asked "What side did your husband part his hair on, Madam?"

"Oh, you'll see that when you take his hat off," she replied.

NOWADAYS, when I think of likely

London has only one lamplighter left and his round is confined to the gas lamps of the Inner and Middle Temple. All the rest light up automatically. Ivan Ramnath, a Guyanese, is the last of the breed immortalized by Robert Louis Stevenson: "My tea is nearly ready and the sun has left the sky / It's time to take the window to see Leerie going by / For every night at tea time and before you take your seat / With lantern and with ladder he comes posting up the street."

Tom Oulthwaite, a Yorkshire ropemaker, had been looking for a successor for over two years when Dr. Peter Annison, a science lecturer at Trent Polytechnic, decided he wanted to sample the bucolic life. Now Dr. Annison is twisting sisal, cotton and hemp into cowbards for the local Buttercups and traces for the farm horses.

In Manchester one of the last of the doll surgeons, "Doc" Higgins, has been practising his profession for 40 years. Operating on 50 dolls a week, he was doing transplants long before Christian Barnard hit the headlines and has spare eyes, arms and legs stored in rows of sweet jars ready for



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